



# CCM 2013 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities.

### **H.B. 5719, "An Act Permitting Municipalities to Share Resident State Troopers"**

HB 5719 would allow municipalities to realize savings by sharing resident state troopers. (This proposal is similar to one in the Public Safety and Security Committee, HB 5751, which would require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection [DESPP] to develop a program to permit the sharing of a Resident State Police Officer among multiple municipalities.)

CCM has long advocated for innovative means that would allow towns to do more with less. In doing so, it is imperative that the integrity of our public safety is not compromised. To this end, CCM supports HB 5719, but has questions regarding the logistics of billing for police services among multiple towns, as well as issues regarding liability.

CCM looks forward to working with the committee to ensure this proposal meet its intended objective



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